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SYNCHRONIZING AN EMAIL CLIENT ON A
PORTABLE COMPUTER SYSTEM WITH AN
EMAIL CLIENT ON A DESKTOP COMPUTER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert after the title the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of priority and is a continuation of each of the following previously filed patent applications: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/132,031, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Synchronizing an E-mail Client on a Portable Computer System with an E-mail Client on a Desktop Computer", filed April 24, 2002 and incorporated herein by reference, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/790,622, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Synchronizing an Email Client on a Portable Computer System with an Email Client on a Desktop Computer", filed on January 29, 1997 and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,401,112 on June 4, 2002, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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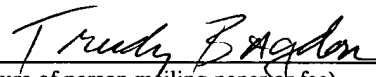
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